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FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Argentina, Bolivia*, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras*, Mexico*, Peru*, Slovenia* and Uruguay: draft resolution

1997/... Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, establishing the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for the promotion and protection of all human rights,

Reaffirming its commitment to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993,

Recalling its resolution 1996/78 of 23 April 1996 in which it requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to report to the Commission about the measures taken and the progress made in the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Noting the decisive and important role played by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/141, in order to remove the obstacles and meet the challenges in the promotion of all human rights and in preventing persistent violations of human rights around the world, as reflected in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Having examined the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1997/98 and Add.1),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, entitled "Building a partnership for human rights";

2. Thanks the High Commissioner for Human Rights for his efforts in strengthening the United Nations activities in the field of human rights, in spite of the prevailing financial constraints;

3. Recognizes the efforts of the High Commissioner in enhancing the Office and in endowing the Centre for Human Rights with an adequate administrative structure, which allows it to put into practice the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. Recognizes the importance of continuing to support the Office of the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights in its activities, taking into account that the duplication of its functions must be avoided because these entities constitute an integral part of the United Nations for the promotion and protection of all human rights;

5. Expresses its satisfaction at the constructive manner in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has carried out his functions;

6. Decides to continue the consideration of this question at its fifty-fourth session under the same agenda item.